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Dear Sir:

This response accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. A Notice of Appeal was filed on May 7, 2004, for which an Appeal Brief was due on July 7, 2004. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a five-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 7, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.